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SUBJECT: LOS: JAPANESE DEMARCHE REGARDING ANADROMOUS  
SPECIES

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AID-MEMOIRE LEFT BY JAPANESE  
AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA WHEN HE CARRIED OUT DEMARCHE, UNDER  
INSTRUCTIONS, WITH AMBASSADOR CARLYLE AW ON JULY 7.  
BEGIN TEXT:

1. SALMON FISHERY HAS BEEN A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF  
JAPAN'S FISHING INDUSTRY, WHICH HAS BEEN CONDUCTED  
HISTORICALLY AND TRADITIONALLY UNDER SUCH REGIONAL FISHERY  
CONVENTIONS AS THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE HIGH  
SEAS FISHERIES OF THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN AND THE CON-  
VENTION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST  
REPUBLICS FOR THE HIGH SEAS FISHERIES OF THE NORTHWEST  
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PACIFIC OCEAN. THE WAY IN WHICH THE SALMON PROBLEM IS

HANDLED AT THE PRESENT LAW-OF-THE-SEA CONFERENCE MAY CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE JAPANESE SALMON INDUSTRY. THE PROBLEM IS NOT ONLY A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH FOR THE INDUSTRY CONCERNED, BUT IT HAS ALSO BECOME A MATTER OF GREAT NATIONAL CONCERN FOR THE JAPANESE IN VIEW OF ITS POSSIBLE SERIOUS EFFECTS ON THE JAPANESE SUPPLY OF PROTEIN.

2. JAPAN HIGHLY REGARDS THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE U.S. DELEGATION IN CARACAS TOWARD SOLVING THE QUESTION OF

ANADROMOUS SPECIES THROUGH COOPERATION WITH JAPAN, AS WAS EVIDENCED BY THEIR SUBMITTING THEIR REVISED DRAFT TO THE JAPANESE DELEGATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS STILL A MARKED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. THOUGH JAPAN WELL UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS PROBLEM IS ALSO A VERY IMPORTANT DOMESTIC PROBLEM IN THE U.S. AS IT IS IN JAPAN, JAPAN IS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS PROBLEM SHOULD BE SOLVED FROM THE WIDER PERSPECTIVE OF MAINTAINING THE TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

3. THE FISHING OF AMERICAN SALMON IN THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN HAS BEEN REGULATED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE HIGH SEAS FISHERIES OF THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN. JAPAN HAS COOPERATED WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR THE CONSERVATION OF STOCK AND IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO DO SO AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. THERE MAY BE CRITICISM FROM THE U.S. SIDE THAT JAPANESE COOPERATION HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT, BUT JAPAN HAS MADE A GREAT EFFORT, DESPITE DOMESTIC PRESSURE, FOR SUCH COOPERATION TO BE EFFECTIVE. AND JAPAN INTENDS TO MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO THAT END IN THE FUTURE.

4. AS TO SALMON FISHERY, JAPAN CONSIDERS THAT BECAUSE THE REGIONS AND COUNTRIES CONCERNED ARE LIMITED, IT IS NOT NECESSARILY APPROPRIATE TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN SALMON-RELATED PROVISIONS INTO A GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE LAW-OF-THE-SEA. RATHER, THE MATTER WOULD BE MOST SUITABLY DEALT WITH BY CONSULTATIONS AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. JAPAN STRONGLY HOPES THAT THE

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U.S. GOVERNMENT FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE JAPANESE POSITION. IF IT SHOULD BE DECIDED AT THE CONFERENCE, DESPITE THE JAPANESE POSITION MENTIONED ABOVE, TO INCORPORATE SOME SALMON-RELATED PROVISIONS INTO THE CONVENTION, IT IS THE WISH OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO SEE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO LIMITING THOSE PROVISIONS TO LAYING DOWN THE BASIC PRINCIPLES THAT THE CONSERVATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ANADROMOUS SPECIES SHOULD BE

CARRIED OUT THROUGH CONSULTATIONS AMONG COUNTRIES  
CONCERNED. END TEXT.

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